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Letter dated 10 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as President pro tempore of the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement issued on 8 October 2001 by the States members of MERCOSUR, namely, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, and its associated States, Bolivia and Chile, concerning the terrorist attacks perpetrated in the United States of America (see annex).

I should be grateful if this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly under item 166 of the agenda.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 October 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Communiqué from MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile

The member countries of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile reaffirm their unequivocal condemnation of the terrorist acts perpetrated on 11 September 2001, which demand a firm and united response from the international community.

In this connection, they confirm their support for United Nations General Assembly resolution 56/1, United Nations Security Council resolutions 1368 (2001) and 1373 (2001) and, at the regional level, resolution 23/1, adopted by the twenty-third meeting of consultation of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of American States, and resolution 24/1, adopted by the twenty-fourth meeting of consultation of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States parties to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

The member countries of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile believe that the actions undertaken to prevent and eradicate international terrorism, which are not aimed against any ethnic, religious or cultural group, have the sole objective of re-establishing international security within the framework of the Charter of the United Nations.

Montevideo, 8 October 2001